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## Teacher's Guide



## **Moulder's Apprentice Tour**

## Pre-Visit Activities

- 1. Show the orientation and demonstration video separately, discussing the occupations of each of the four sections: Charcoal Making, Mold Making, Casting, and the Blacksmith. (The moulder making the mold and then pouring the casting is the basis for the hands-on lab.)
- 2. The teacher should expose the students to the materials presented throughout the Teacher's Guide; grade level will be the determining factor for depth of exposure found suitable by the teacher.
- 3. Use the Worker Identification sheets as a teacher-directed activity and discussion period; the students should use prior preparations by the teacher to logically determine the occupations of the persons represented in the picture.

## Post-Visit Activities

- 1. Each student should prepare a fictional journal that describes one's life for a short time period during the early 1800s.
- 2. Students can draw scenes that depict life in the early 19th Century.
- 3. Students can read books and historical records of the time period around 1830.
- 4. A student can make clothing like that worn during the early 1800s.
- 5. Students could bring their parents or friends to Hopewell to experience the history they so enjoyed.
- 6. Some interested students could make models of buildings, wagons, or other aspects of the Hopewell Plantation.
- 7. Students could prepare and present a dramatic representation of life at Hopewell during its heyday.
- 8. Students could prepare poems or songs about life at Hopewell during the early 1800s.
- 9. Students could research the iron industry during the 19th Century.
- 10. Students could visit other pre-20th Century iron-making historic sites.